(*h*) whether he has promised to remove the colony from the present site?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development)*

(*a*) An extent of 1-02.$\frac{5}{8}$ acres of land have been acquired near the "*Malakadavaram*" for starting a Depressed Class colony. The site is, however, in Vadama village and not in Kuruvilasseri village as stated in the question.

(*b*) In 1114. The total cost of acquisition as per Diwan Peishkar's award No. 90/14 came to Rs. 339—9—0.

(*c*) Yes. On 15th Karkadagam 1114.

(*d*) The exact number of families can be given only after the consolidation and sub-division of the colony site are over. This is being attended to by the Department.

(*e*) No houses have been constructed in the colony at Government expense.

(*f*) Nil.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The request was refused.

**CORONATION MARKET, CHERUTHURUTHI—AUCTION OF**

6. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government for the construction of the Coronation Market, Cheruthuruthi; when was this work completed and when was it first made available to the public for marketing of commodities;

(*b*) who was the licensee or contractor of this market in the year 1113; when and how was it entrusted to him; what was the amount realised from him as license fee for the year 1113;

(*c*) who was the licensee for the year 1114; whether the right of collecting fees from the market and conducting the same auctioned in 1114; if so, how many times was it auctioned; what was the bid amount at the time of the first auction; what was the bid amount the second time; the names of the highest bidders in

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the first and second auctions; the amounts for which the market was taken at each time;

(*d*) the name of the present contractor; and on what terms the market has been entrusted to him; is the market entrusted to the present contractor for more than one year;

(*e*) whether there are markets in Cochin State under the control of the Department of Public Health which are entrusted to contractors for more than one year ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) The total expenditure for the original work came to Rs. 6,894—4—0. The work was completed by the end of 1112 and the market was made available to the public from the beginning of 1113.

(*b*) Mr. K. A. Muhamad. The market was leased out to him from 1st Chingam 1113 as he was the highest bidder at the auction; Rs. 915.

(*c*) Mr. K. A. Muhamad; No; These do not arise.

(*d*) Mr. K. A. Muhamad. The market has been leased out to him for 3 years from 1115—Rs. 650 for 1115, Rs. 675 for 1116 and Rs. 700 for 1117.

(*e*) Yes.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know whether the lease referred to in answer to (*d*) was fixed after auction ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development)* : It requires a little explanation. In the previous year this market was auctioned and it fetched only 300 and odd rupees. Then again tenders were called for and it went up to Rs. 615 and it was taken by somebody else. Later on he could not run the market and therefore it was handed over to Mohamedkutty and he was running the market for that year. Next year fearing that there is no one to come forward and even if one comes forward it goes to Mohamedkutty, the latter made a certain offer for Rs. 615. Government raised this by 105 rupees and it was accepted by the Department. The market is not completed. It is very difficult to get anybody there. Even now it is not completed. But it will be completed this year. That was the reason why the market was leased out for three years.

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**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are there any other instances where markets have been leased out for three years?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are instances where they have been leased out for two years.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it not better in the interests of the Government that the markets are leased out only for one year, because as soon as the market improves we can fetch more revenue?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* I perfectly agree and orders have been issued to follow these lines. But this is only a special case. In all other cases it is only for one year.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എ. യ ൽ പറയുന്നതരത്തിൽ അല്ലാതെ അതിനപേക്ഷം വല്ല സംഖ്യയും ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ ആർ. മേനോൻ: ഉവ്വ്. ഇനിയും ര,ഠഠഠ ഉറുപ്പികകൂടി ഉണ്ടെങ്കിലെ മാക്രാവ് കെട്ടിറാമെയുള്ളു. ഇപ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ പണി മുക്കാലായി നിറുത്തിയിരിക്കുകയാണ്.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether in calling for tenders any publication was made in the Gazette?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Usually that procedure is adopted.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* There is also another question regarding Pazhayannur market—where a market was licensed for two or three years which was done very recently.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* That requires some explanation. I will give you the answer when the question comes up.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ന,വുൻറ് ഉറുപ്പിക ചിലവുചെയ്യുകാലത്തു് ൻറ ഉറുപ്പിക കിട്ടിയ സ്ഥിതിക്കു് അതിലും കൂടുതൽ സംഖ്യ ചിലവുചെയ്യുകാലത്തു് നരഠ, നരര, ഠഠഠ എന്നിങ്ങിനെ സംഖ്യ കുറഞ്ഞുകിട്ടുവാനുള്ള പ്രത്യേക കാരണമെന്താണ്?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Originally the idea was that certain conditions would be satisfied and they made an estimate for Rs. 6,000. It was found later on that 6,000 rupees was not sufficient to make the necessary changes. Immediately the contractor said that it is only under certain conditions that he has offered Rs. 900 and that he is not willing to take the contract.

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It was therefore placed for auction and it fetched only 300 rupees and by private negotiation it rose up to 600. After taking it for Rs. 600 the market was given to Mohamedkutty. Then the Department explained these difficulties to the Government and suggested certain alterations and Government after making certain alterations of their own accepted the suggestion.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. പാണിക്കർ: മൂന്നു കൊല്ലത്തേക്ക് ഈ മാർക്കറ്റ് പൊട്ടത്തിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവൺമെൻറിലേക്ക് വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* The contractor is ready to surrender the market to anyone who is willing to take it tomorrow. The House will understand that there is no attempt to favour the contractor.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government make a further enquiry whether the contractor is willing to surrender the market next year?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* You can take the market for all the three years together. He will surrender it.

## BREEDING OF FISHES TO COMBAT MOSQUITO MENACE

**7. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) whether the Government has any scheme to breed the variety of fishes which live upon mosquito larvae;

(*b*) whether the Hon'ble Minister has promised to try whether such variety of fishes can be bred in the water-ponds in Ernakulam;

(*c*) whether the Government has ordered for conducting any researches whether there are any local variety of fishes which breed on mosquito larvae;

(*d*) whether the Government be pleased to appoint a qualified person to conduct a research in this line or place the present Museum Superintendent on special duty to conduct researches to combat the mosquito menace in the State by breeding fishes which live upon mosquito larvae?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The experiment of breeding larvicidal fish was tried in the Chittur Taluk a few years back. But it was a

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